

# 21st Birthday Celebration

*Do you know an individual or organization who always thinks of the child first?*

Governor Ruth Ann Minner and other community advocates will join the Delaware Children's Department on September 13 at the duPont Hotel to mark the 21st birthday of its founding. Since 1983, we have worked hard to provide safety, stability, self esteem and a sense of hope to children in crisis in our communities. Now it's time for us to thank those persons and organizations who do their part too.



## Celebrating Delaware's Children

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Delaware Children's  
Department  
2004 Awards  
Nomination Form

**Deadline:  
July 30, 2004**

We want to pay tribute to individuals who have made exceptional efforts to benefit children who have experienced abandonment, abuse, adjudication, mental illness, neglect or substance abuse. Public nominations for outstanding volunteer service will be taken in the following categories: Think of the Child First Award and Shirley Cupery Community Advocacy Award. An individual(s) will also be honored with the Governor's Award in Children's Services.

Please take the time to fill out the enclosed two-sided nomination form. Keep in mind that a person or organization may be very deserving of an award but not recognized because no one took the time to submit a nomination.

Be sure to mark September 13 on your calendar! Invitations for the birthday celebration will be mailed out in the coming weeks. It's all part of our way of saying thanks to people who help us keep the future of children in good hands.



*State of Delaware*  
*The Department of Services*  
*for Children, Youth and*  
*Their Families*

# 2004 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

**Deadline: July 30, 2004**

Please check one:

- ☐ ***Think of the Child First Award*** – Think of the Child First Award - This award will be presented to an individual or organization in each county who has demonstrated street level leadership and whose dedication has improved the lives of children in that community who have experienced abandonment, abuse, adjudication, mental illness, neglect or substance abuse. This nominee must be a community worker (paid or volunteer) or organization.

Please circle one:                      New Castle                      Kent                      Sussex

- ☐ ***Shirley Cupery Community Advocacy Award*** – The advocacy community suffered a tremendous loss with the passing of Shirley Cupery in 2003. Shirley worked tirelessly to bring the light of social justice to every aspect of child welfare. Not only did she serve the interests of children for more than 30 years, she gave her fellow advocates the benefit of her wisdom and experience. In honor of Shirley's lifelong efforts, an award will be presented to a youth or adult who has advocated policies or programs that have made a positive impact on the well-being and safety of Delaware's at-risk children.

I/We would like to nominate:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (*if nominating an organization*) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Person to Second Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

– See Other Side for Narrative Portion of Nomination Form –

## REASON FOR NOMINATION

Nominations should be complete, legible, concise (less than 500 words) and incorporate the following information: Describe the nominee's activities and length of service on behalf of children who have experienced abandonment, abuse, adjudication, mental illness, neglect or substance abuse. Give examples of how these activities meet the real needs of children and enhance the quality of life in the community. How does the nominee's activities reflect innovative solutions and unique approaches that are worthy of recognition? How does the nominee exhibit exceptional devotion of time, effort, thought, and action to children that sets them apart from others? In what ways does the nominee "think of the child first?"

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Please submit a completed entry form by **July 30, 2004** to:

Office of the Secretary  
Delaware Children's Department  
1825 Faulkland Road  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
ATTN: Awards Selection Committee

Or Fax to: 302-995-8290